

## House Resolution 710

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Oliver of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Laura and Rutherford Seydel; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the enjoyment of Georgia's natural resources is a matter of the highest interest  
3 to all the citizens of our state; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgians show their concern and gratitude for these natural blessings in many  
5 differing ways; and
- 6 WHEREAS, some Georgians prefer outdoor sporting activities like hunting and fishing,  
7 while others prefer hiking, camping, and the study of nature; and
- 8 WHEREAS, it is a matter of pride among our citizens to participate in activities that preserve  
9 and protect natural resources, while also educating rising generations about their importance  
10 to the whole society; and
- 11 WHEREAS, these activities for protection and education cannot be counted upon to present  
12 themselves, but require carefully planned efforts before they come to fruition; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the gifts of some Georgians to organize such activities to promote the state's  
14 natural resources are themselves extraordinary blessings to the state and its people; and
- 15 WHEREAS, without these efforts on the part of these tireless citizens, all of Georgia is made  
16 poorer; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the singularly most threatened among the state's major water resources is the  
18 Chattahoochee River, the water supply for a great portion of the state's people; and
- 19 WHEREAS, protection of the Chattahoochee River has been immeasurably strengthened by  
20 the work of the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper organization; and

1 WHEREAS, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper was founded by Georgians Laura and  
2 Rutherford Seydel, who used a model from other states, but gave it a decidedly Georgian  
3 accent; and

4 WHEREAS, without the vision, leadership, and steadfast commitment of the Seydels, Upper  
5 Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and many other conservation organizations in this state would  
6 not have been able to provide education and protection programs that benefit all Georgians.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
8 the members of this body commend Laura and Rutherford Seydel for their outstanding  
9 contributions to the welfare of this state.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Laura and Rutherford  
12 Seydel.